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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mounting apparatus, comprising:

a rack defining a first mounting aperture, a second mounting aperture, and a support surface, said first and second mounting apertures spaced from one another along said rack to define a solid portion of said rack therebetween;

a slide;

a bracket mounted to an end of said slide, said bracket having a first wall abutting said rack and a second wall transverse to said first wall, said bracket defining a supported portion extending into said first mounting aperture, said supported portion defining a supported surface; and

a latch mounted on said second wall of said bracket, said latch movable between a first position extending into said second mounting aperture and a second position not extending into said second mounting aperture, said latch defining a locking surface, said locking surface and said supported surface cooperating to limit vertical movement of said bracket with respect to said rack when said latch is in said first position, and wherein said supported portion, said latch and said first wall of said bracket cooperate to substantially entirely surround said solid portion of said rack between said first aperture and said second aperture.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a biasing means for biasing said latch towards said first position.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said biasing means is a coil spring having a first end connected to said latch and a second end connected to said bracket.

4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein a longitudinal axis of said coil spring is generally parallel to a direction of movement of said latch between said first position and said second position.

5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said supported portion comprises at least one mounting hook extending outwardly and downwardly from said second wall.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:

a chassis having one or more mounting protrusions extending therefrom, said slide comprising a stationary portion and a telescoping portion, said telescoping portion being slidably attached to said stationary portion and having one or more mounting slots formed

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therein, said mounting slots engaging said mounting protrusions to support said chassis on said slide; and

a lock provided at one of said slots, said lock selectively engaging an associated one of said mounting protrusions to prevent removal of said mounting protrusion from said slot.

7. (Currently Amended) A mounting apparatus, comprising:

a rack defining a first mounting aperture, a second mounting aperture, and a support surface, said first and second mounting apertures spaced from one another along said rack to define a solid portion of said rack therebetween;

a slide;

a bracket mounted to an end of said slide, said bracket defining a supported portion extending into said first mounting aperture, said supported portion defining a supported surface; and

a latch mounted on said bracket, said latch linearly movable between a first position extending into said second mounting aperture and a second position not extending into said second mounting aperture, said latch defining a locking surface, said locking surface and said supported surface cooperating to limit vertical movement of said bracket with respect to said rack when said latch is in said first position, and wherein said supported portion, said latch and said bracket cooperate to surround said solid portion of said rack between said first aperture and said second aperture.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 5, further comprising a coil spring having one end connected to said latch and one end connected to said bracket, said coil spring biasing said latch towards said first position.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein a longitudinal axis of said coil spring is generally parallel to a direction of movement of said latch between said first position and said second position.

10. (Original) A mounting apparatus, comprising:

a rack defining a first mounting aperture, a second mounting aperture, and a support surface;

a slide;

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a bracket mounted to an end of said slide, said bracket defining a first guide portion, a second guide portion, and a supported portion extending into said first mounting aperture, said supported portion defining a supported surface; and

a latch mounted on said bracket, said latch defining a first slot and a second slot, said first and second slots cooperating with said first and second guide members to allow linear movement of said latch between a first position extending into said second mounting aperture and a second position not extending into said second mounting aperture, said latch defining a locking surface, said locking surface and said supported surface cooperating to limit vertical movement of said bracket with respect to said rack when said latch is in said first position.

11-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said supported portion has a width substantially equal to a width of said first mounting aperture.

18. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said bracket is slidably mounted to said slide.

19. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said supported portion has a width substantially equal to a width of said first mounting aperture.

20. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said bracket is slidably mounted to said slide.

21. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said bracket is slidably mounted to said slide.